THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) to (c) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, in connexion with the Government Hospital, Kozhikode, there were certain transfers of Doctors as a result of complaints and enquiries but one Doctor is still sticking on there. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to enquire about it? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, a separate question may be put."

SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH :—" Sir, will the Government consider the question of appointing experts like post-graduates holding M.S. or M.D. degrees to District Headquarters Hospitals to improve their efficiency? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The present question relates to an altogether different subject. A separate question may be put."

Reservation of seats in colleges for the students of the Backward Classes.

* 136 Q.—SRI R. KRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the percentage of reservations for students of Backward Classes in Professional Colleges; and

(b) whether there is any such reservation in Arts and Science Colleges?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) & (b) In the Government Arts and Professional Colleges the percentage of reservation of seats is 15 for students belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and 25 for the students belonging to the other Backward Classes. No specific reservation of seats has been made in the non-Government aided Colleges, but the managements have been requested to extend the fullest co-operation in the matter of encouraging the higher education of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes and the other Backward Classes."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" May I know, Sir, if these reservations are applicable to post-graduate courses of study? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, they do not apply to honours and post-graduate courses of study. Honours and post-graduate courses being specialized ones meant for candidates who have a proved aptitude for them, the intention of the Government is that only candidates with certain minimum attainments should be admitted to these courses."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 692–693 infra.

Sri P. Rangasamy Reddiar :—" Sir, may I know whether a list of Backward Classes of our State has been prepared after June 1951 and if so, how many communities are included in that list? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. Krishna Rao :—" I would refer the hon. Member to the list that has been published by the Government, Sir."

Sri R. V. Swaminathan :—" Sir, in view of the fact that there is already a feeling among the Backward Classes that the 25 per cent that has been allotted to them is not in proportion to their numbers, may I ask the Hon. Minister to tell us whether this 25 per cent reservation for the Backward Classes is proportionate and sufficient for the needs of the Backward Classes? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. Krishna Rao :—" Sir, it was decided by the Government that so far as reservation was concerned 25 per cent would meet the situation. Further, the members of the Backward Classes are not precluded from securing more seats on the basis of merit from the general pool."

Sri S. C. C. Anthony Pillai :—" Sir, is it true that the Government have received representations from every community that it be classified as a backward community? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. Krishna Rao :—" Sir, I have not received any representations from all the communities. I have read some representations in the Press in a general way."

Sri L. Lakshmana Das :—" Sir, will the Government consider the allotment of unfilled seats reserved for Scheduled Tribes and Castes to the Backward Classes in view of the inadequate number of seats allotted to the Backward Classes? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. Krishna Rao :—" Sir, the suggestion will be considered."

11 a.m. Sri K. R. Sambandam :—" May I know, Sir, how many students belonging to the Backward Classes have been admitted in the Medical and Engineering Colleges? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. Krishna Rao :—" I do not know, with reference to what period the hon. Member is asking the question. The percentage will be strictly adhered to so far as current selections are concerned."

Sri N. Mahalingam :—" Sir, in view of the fact that women form 51 per cent of the population, will the Government consider the question of reserving 51 per cent of the seats in the Colleges for women? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. Krishna Rao :—" There is no question of reservation on the basis of proportion in the population. For all categories, women have been given 20 per cent reservation. They are not precluded from securing more seats on the basis of merit from the general pool."

SRI C. PULLA REDDI :—" Will the Hon. Minister for Education be pleased to increase the number of seats available in the Rayalaseema Colleges, in view of the fact that the number of students in the Rayalaseema Colleges is only five per cent of the total number of College students in the State? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" A separate question can be put on this point. However this is a matter for the University to consider."

SRI V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether in the matter of admission to colleges for the seats reserved to Backward Classes, the Government are aware of any possibility of exploitation by the advanced sections of the same community just as in the case of Scheduled Castes? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I think, Sir, every precaution is being taken to see that the applications are properly filled and checked at the time of admission."

SRI K. BAPANNA DORA:—"అయ్యా, 25 per cent లోనూ Backward Classes కు ఎన్నిశాతమూ, Schedule Tribes కు ఎన్నిశాతమూ, ప్రత్యేకంగా నిర్ణయించారా, లేక మొత్తం అందులోనే కలిపారా? అందువల్ల Schedule Tribes కు కలిగితే చాలా అన్యాయం జరుగుతుంది."

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Schedule Tribes కు 15 per cent అవిన్నీ మిగతావి Backward Classes కు అవిన్నీ స్పష్టంగా వున్నవి."

SRI K. T. KOSALRAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether non-Government aided Professional Colleges receiving Government grant follow the rules laid down by the Government with regard to reservation of seats for the Backward Classes? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have already answered the question."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" In view of the fact that reservation of seats in colleges is intended for uplifting the Backward Classes and the Backward Classes are not in a position to take full advantage of this reservation, may I know, Sir, whether the Government will see that conditions are made propitious for the Backward Classes and Harijans to take full advantage of this concession? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Scheduled Castes and Tribes are already enjoying concessions with regard to education in schools and colleges, and so also the Backward Classes."

SRI K. V. RAMESAM :—" Several hon. Members who spoke yesterday said that the standard of education had deteriorated and that it was very low. Therefore, will the Government be pleased to reserve 75 per cent of the seats for admission on the ground of merit in all the Professional and Arts Colleges? "

THE HON DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I think the present scheme is working all right and the Government are satisfied with it."

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SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" May I know whether Harijan Christians are included in this scheme? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir. Certain categories of converts to Christianity from the Scheduled Castes are included."

Opening of an Agricultural Farm at Srikakulam.

* 137 Q.—SRI V. P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU (on behalf of Sri G. Latchanna) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any site was selected for an Agricultural Farm in the newly formed district of Srikakulam ; and

(b) if so, where and when the Farm will be opened?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (a) The answer is in the negative.

" (b) Does not arise."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the existing Farms are in any way doing useful work for the farmers and if so in what ways? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Sir, I refer my hon. Friend to the report of the Agricultural Department. I will say that the Agricultural Department Farms have done very good work. They could have done better work, but I will say that they have done very good work. They have produced some varieties of sugarcane which have put India on the map. They have also produced some varieties of paddy which are giving a much larger yield than we had ever before. They have done many other things like that, and I think, I am right in saying, that they are doing good work for the farmers."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" In view of the statement that the Agricultural Farms are doing good work I want to know why the Hon. Minister has not selected a site for opening an Agricultural Farm in the district of Srikakulam."

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" There is already an Agricultural Farm in Anakapalle in the old undivided Visakhapatnam district. But there are still some problems in Srikakulam district which can be taken up. There has been a recommendation by the Expert Committee on opening new agricultural farms but no proposals have been placed before the Government this year."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, in view of the fact that agriculture is the main industry of our country, will the Government consider the question of opening agricultural research farms in every taluk headquarters, and as there are no such agricultural farms in Chingleput district, will the Government also take steps to open one in that district? "